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Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters; United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002

Note by the Secretary-General

Summary

In accordance with the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) (see General Assembly resolution 39/148 H, annex, art. VIII, para. 3), the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR for a subvention of $213,000 for the year 2002 from the regular budget of the United Nations is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for approval. A related provision to finance this subvention has already been incorporated into section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 4)).

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1. As stated in the report of the Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) transmitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session (A/56/359), the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, in its capacity as the Board of Trustees of the Institute, approved the Institute's programme of work and estimated resource requirements for 2001 and 2002. The present report, reflecting the updated estimates that have since been provided by the Institute to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, is submitted to the Assembly in the context of its consideration of a subvention of $213,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002.

2. The Board also examined the financial arrangements for UNIDIR and congratulated the Institute's staff, particularly its Director, for effective fund-raising.

3. The proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003, under section 4, Disarmament (A/56/6 (Sect. 4)), contains a provision of $426,000 representing the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR for 2002-2003 (para. A.4.10). Notwithstanding the inclusion of the necessary provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, a formal request for a subvention of $213,000 for the year 2002 is submitted to the General Assembly, in keeping with established procedure.

4. Under section IV of General Assembly resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989, entitled "Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", the Secretary-General is required to report annually to the Assembly on the situation of the Institute. In this context, it is reported that the financial situation of the Institute is as follows:

(a) Funds available at the beginning of 2001 amounted to $850,600. This figure includes an amount of $162,300, required as operating cash reserve for 2001;

(b) Total income for 2001 is estimated at $2,036,000, from the following sources: voluntary contributions and public donations ($1,695,000), interest income ($60,000), other inter-organizational contributions ($58,000), the subvention from the United Nations regular budget ($213,000) and miscellaneous income ($10,000). It is also estimated that of total voluntary contributions and public donations, approximately 64 per cent will be used for special projects and 36 per cent for other purposes, including administrative costs. The details of the revised estimated contributions from voluntary sources for 2001 and 2002 are provided in annexes I and II respectively;

(c) Total 2001 revised estimated expenditure is $1,349,300, including a provision of $54,100 for programme support costs. Requirements for 2002 are estimated at $1,400,600, inclusive of $56,600 for programme support costs. The breakdown of 2001 revised estimated expenditures and of estimated resource requirements for 2002 is provided in annex III;

(d) Available funds at the beginning of 2002 are estimated at $1,537,300, including an amount of $169,700 that would be required as operating cash reserve.

5. Should the General Assembly decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, no additional provision would be required under section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Annex I

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research: revised income from voluntary sources, 2001

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
A. Governmental contributions	
Belgium	6 664
Canada	26 534
Egypt	5 000
Finland	24 600
Ghana	5 000
Greece	7 600
France	300 000
India	15 000[a]
Ireland	49 000
Israel	10 174
Italy	8 500
Japan	606 000[b]
Luxembourg	2 000
Mexico	10 000
Netherlands	10 666
Norway	100 000
New Zealand	4 100
Republic of Korea	35 000
Switzerland	39 637
United Kingdom	170 000
Subtotal	**1 435 475**
B. Public donations	
Ford Foundation (United States)	200 000
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Germany)	10 000
Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (United States)	25 000
Ploughshares Foundation (United States)	24 550
Subtotal	**259 550**
Total	**1 695 025**

[a] Includes a contribution of $5,000 intended for 2000, which was registered in the 2001 accounts.

[b] Reflects a contribution to be used for the project entitled "Lessons learned from weapons collection programmes" over the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Annex II

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research: estimated income from voluntary sources, 2002

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
A. Governmental contributions	
Egypt	5 000
Ghana	5 000
Greece	7 600
France	300 000
India	10 000
Israel	10 000
Luxembourg	2 000
Norway	100 000
Switzerland	40 000
Subtotal	**479 600**
B. Public donations	
Ford Foundation (United States)	200 000
Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (United States)	50 000
Subtotal	**250 000**
Total	**729 600**

Annex III

Estimated resource requirements, 2001 and 2002

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Resource requirements	*(1) 2001*	*(2) 2002*	*(3 (2-1)) Increase/ decrease*
A. Direct programme and administrative costs			
Consultants' fees and travel	108.4	48.1	(60.3)
Ad hoc expert groups	69.0	65.0	(4.0)
Salaries and related staff costs	484.2[a]	419.5	(64.7)
Personal service contract	466.6	580.6	114.0
Official travel of staff	78.3	86.8	8.5
Language training	2.0	2.0	-
Other specialized training	7.0	7.0	-
Other contractual printing	3.0	3.0	-
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-
Rental of conference room	1.0	1.0	-
Rental of conference service equipment	2.0	2.0	-
Rental of office equipment	1.5	1.5	-
Hospitality	2.0	2.0	-
Maintenance of office automation equipment	5.0	5.0	-
Paper for internal reproduction	10.0	10.0	-
Library books	-	-	-
Subscriptions and standing orders	2.5	2.5	-
Data-processing supplies	3.0	3.0	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
Acquisition of office equipment	29.7	5.0	(24.7)
Fellowship programme (stipend)	-	90.0	90.0
Fellowship programme (travel)	20.0	10.0	(10.0)
Subtotal	**1 295.2**	**1 344.0**	**48.8**
B. Programme support costs (5% of subtotal A less United Nations subvention)	54.1	56.6	2.5
Total expenditure (subtotal A + B)	1 349.3	1 400.6	51.3
C. Operating cash reserve (At least 15% of subtotal A less United Nations subvention)	162.3	169.7	7.4
Total (A + B + C)	**1 511.6**	**1 570.3**	**58.7**

[a] Includes part of the salaries and related staff costs for the year 2000.

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Human resources management

Streamlining of rules

Note by the Secretariat

Summary

As requested by the General Assembly in section VIII of its resolution 55/258, the present note provides details of the obsolete or redundant documentation which has been eliminated so far in the context of the streamlining of the rules.

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1. The present note is submitted in response to section VIII of resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, in which the General Assembly noted the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General mentioned in paragraphs 27 to 32 of his report on human resources management reform (A/55/253 and Corr.1) regarding the elimination of documentation relating to obsolete and redundant rules and procedures, and requested to be informed at its fifty-sixth session of the details of the documentation being eliminated.

2. The note deals exclusively with the work done in respect of policies and rules issued by the Secretary-General or on his behalf through instruments subject to the Staff Regulations and the Staff Rules.

Background

3. For many years, policies, rules and procedures were issued by various officials in a variety of instruments, including Secretary-General's bulletins, administrative instructions, information circulars, personnel directives or internal guidelines. There was no systematic review of these instruments, which proliferated and remained in place regardless of whether they were still needed, or had become inconsistent with subsequent documents. As a result, it was often difficult for staff, administrators and managers to know what the rules were and for the Organization to hold anyone accountable for the proper application of these rules.

4. On 27 May 1997, the Secretary-General, at the suggestion of the Legal Counsel, promulgated a bulletin[1] which rationalized the system of administrative issuances and established procedures for the promulgation of these issuances. The bulletin highlighted the obligation of the responsible officials to review issuances periodically so as to ensure that the contents are up to date, that obsolete issuances are abolished with minimum delay, and that new issuances or amendments are properly promulgated. The bulletin also established a mechanism to ensure that the position of any proposed new administrative issuance in the hierarchy of rules and the authority for its issuance are identified, that it is not inconsistent with issuances higher in the hierarchy of rules, that it specifies prior issuances that are superseded or amended, and that it is concise, clear and appropriately expressed.

5. Under the new system, "rules" or "imperatives" can be promulgated only through a Secretary-General's bulletin or an administrative instruction. Personnel directives can no longer be issued, and all existing ones lapsed on 31 December 1999.[2] Information circulars can only contain general information or an explanation of established rules but can no longer, on their own, establish new rules. New information circulars are issued with an expiry date, unless they deal with a matter calling for frequent review or update, in which case they are in force until further notice and then replaced. All information circulars published before the new system came into force expired on 31 December 2000.[3] Before personnel directives and information circulars expired, the Secretariat reviewed their contents to identify provisions that would still be useful or relevant, in order to incorporate them into an administrative instruction or an information circular issued in accordance with the new system.

[1] Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/1, entitled "Procedures for the promulgation of administrative issuances".

[2] ST/SGB/1997/1, section 8.3.

[3] ST/SGB/1999/11, section 3.2.

Abolition of obsolete or redundant rules

6. A major effort was required to review and rationalize the subsidiary rules issued before the new system came into force. As noted in the Secretary-General's report on human resources management reform submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, these rules were still disseminated in many different documents which were not always easy to find or comprehend, and some documents were obsolete or redundant.[4] The process was conducted as described below.

7. A number of obsolete or redundant issuances were abolished outright in three Secretary-General's bulletins annexed to this note. The decision to include a document in these bulletins was made after a determination that the document fell into one of following categories:

(a) Issuances establishing or setting rules for bodies no longer in existence. This is the case for instance for:

(i) Financial Rules for the Special Account of the United Nations Emergency Force (ST/SGB/UNEF/2/Rev.2 of 30 December 1960);

(ii) Establishment of a Senior Advisory Board on Services to the Public (ST/SGB/231 of 20 June 1989);

(iii) Establishment of a Senior Planning and Monitoring Group for Peacekeeping Operations (ST/SGB/233 of 4 January 1990);

(iv) Technological Innovations Board (ST/SGB/245 of 5 December 1991);

(v) Advisory Panel on Management and Finance (ST/SGB/270 of 14 January 1994);

(b) Issuances announcing the introduction of new rules subsequently incorporated in the Staff Rules, or into a more comprehensive issuance on the same subject. This is the case for instance for:

(i) Competitive examination for promotion to the Professional category of staff members from other categories (ST/SGB/173 of 29 August 1979). The requirement of a competitive examination for movement to the Professional category from other categories was subsequently reflected in staff rule 104.15, detailed implementation provisions being set out in an administrative instruction;

(ii) Obligations of staff members (ST/AI/182 of 17 December 1968) and acceptance of payments from Governments to supplement United Nations emoluments (ST/AI/380 of 23 December 1992). The rules contained in these issuances were incorporated into the revision of article I of the Staff Regulations and chapter I of the Staff Rules pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/252;

(iii) Overtime compensation at Headquarters (ST/AI/265 of 16 May 1979). The new rules contained in that instruction were subsequently incorporated into appendix B to the Staff Rules;

[4] A/55/253 and Corr.1, para. 26.

(iv) Granting of status of staff members to full-time language teachers (ST/AI/316 of 6 March 1984), subsequently reflected in a new annex F to the Staff Rules;

(v) Official United Nations travel to and representation at conferences and meetings (ST/SGB/207/Rev.1 of 16 December 1987). Most of the rules contained in that issuance were obsolete; the remaining ones were incorporated into a new administrative instruction on official travel;

(c) Issuances announcing systems that were subsequently updated and replaced. This is the case for instance for:

(i) In-service training and career development for Secretariat staff (ST/SGB/144 of 28 December 1973);

(ii) Outposting of staff from the established location of a department to another location (ST/AI/245 of 11 May 1977);

(iii) Revised telegraph form (ST/AI/330 of 11 July 1985);

(iv) Policies and procedures for office automation standardization (ST/AI/347 of 9 March 1988); guidelines for the acquisition, use and support of microcomputers in the United Nations (ST/AI/355 of 7 September 1988); standards for desktop publishing hardware and software (ST/AI/359 of 12 December 1989); standards for word-processing software for microcomputers (ST/AI/361 of 29 March 1990); electronic mail policies and standards (ST/AI/386 of 23 August 1993);

(d) Issuances announcing measures to deal with a temporary condition. This is the case for instance for:

(i) Temporary suspension of recruitment (ST/SGB/247 of 6 February 1992);

(ii) Financial situation of the Organization (ST/SGB/278 of 14 September 1995);

(iii) Redeployment of staff (ST/AI/415 of 2 April 1996);

(e) Issuances providing information to the staff on topical subjects. It should be noted that, under the new system of administrative issuances, documents issued for information purposes only may no longer be issued as Secretary-General's bulletins or administrative issuances. This is the case for instance for:

(i) Changed audit emphasis by the United Nations Board of Auditors (ST/AI/241 of 8 October 1976);

(ii) Report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts and related decisions of the General Assembly (ST/AI/336 of 15 September 1986).

8. Many other issuances were abolished as a result of the streamlining of the rules that were not abolished outright. For instance, the rules on classification of posts are now contained in ST/AI/1998/9, issued on 6 October 1998, which updated and consolidated provisions previously contained in 21 documents. Similarly, the rules on excess baggage, shipments and insurance are now contained in ST/AI/1999/15, issued on 23 November 1999, which updated and consolidated provisions previously contained in 18 documents. Another example is ST/AI/2000/20, issued on 22 December 2000, on official travel, which updated and

consolidated provisions previously contained in 9 issuances. All new issuances systematically update and abolish prior issuances dealing with the same subject. Consolidation of any rules affecting conditions of service and staff welfare always include consultation with staff.

9. Altogether, from 1 June 1997 until 31 August 2001, 460 documents have been abolished, or have lapsed or expired:

- 92 Secretary-General's bulletins;
- 86 administrative instructions;
- 224 information circulars;
- 58 personnel directives.

Annex I

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Secretariat

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S BULLETIN

ABOLITION OF OBSOLETE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCES

The Secretary-General, for the purpose of abolishing obsolete administrative issuances, promulgates the following:

Section 1

Secretary-General's bulletins

The following Secretary-General's bulletins are hereby abolished as from 15 September 1997:

ST/SGB/UNIDF/Financial Rules/4 of 19 November 1982, "Special annex for the United Nations Industrial Development Fund (series 400) to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations (series 100)"

ST/SGB/Organization, Section N/Rev.2 of 29 February 1984 (and Corr.1 and Amend.1 of 4 April 1984 and 23 July 1984, respectively), "Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator"

ST/SGB/Organization, Section P(VI) of March 1976, "Electronic Data-Processing and Information Systems Service"

ST/SGB/Organization, Section WFC of 18 October 1991, "Secretariat of the World Food Council"

ST/SGB/114 of 13 November 1958 and Add.1 of 2 May 1960, "Service with United Nations missions"

* Originally issued in English and French only.

ST/SGB/156 of 21 June 1977, "Documentation for the Fifth Committee"

ST/SGB/162 of 23 March 1978, "Establishment of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development"

ST/SGB/164 of 22 November 1982, "Establishment of the Administrative Review Unit"

ST/SGB/170 of 29 December 1978 and Add.1 of 30 June 1980, "Organizational nomenclature in the Secretariat"

ST/SGB/178 of 30 June 1980, "Department of Technical Cooperation for Development"

ST/SGB/182 of 5 January 1981, "Office of General Services"

ST/SGB/184 of 12 January 1982 and Add.1 of 24 February 1982, "Documentation for meetings"

ST/SGB/186 of 22 February 1982, "Reorganization of the administrative services in the United Nations Office at Geneva"

ST/SGB/189 of 1 April 1982, "Reorganization of the Conference Services Division of the United Nations Office at Geneva"

ST/SGB/191 of 10 May 1982, "Office of General Services"

ST/SGB/192 of 16 June 1982, "United Nations garage"

ST/SGB/197 of 1 December 1982, "United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations"

ST/SGB/215 of 17 January 1986, "Financial situation of the Organization"

ST/SGB/216/Add.1 of 27 March 1989, Add.2 of 30 April 1991 and Add.5 of 8 May 1995, "Steering Committee for the Improvement of the Status of Women in the Secretariat"

ST/SGB/217 of 20 March 1986, "Financial situation of the Organization"

ST/SGB/222 of 22 December 1986, "Financial situation of the Organization"

ST/SGB/224 of 13 February 1987, "Office of Human Resources Management"

ST/SGB/241 of 26 June 1991, "Organization of the Secretariat: Office of General Services"

ST/SGB/248 of 16 March 1992, "Restructuring of the United Nations Secretariat"

ST/SGB/249 of 16 March 1992, "Changes in the top echelon"

ST/SGB/257 of 26 January 1993, "Organization of the Secretariat: Department of Public Information"

ST/SGB/258 of 11 March 1993, "Changes in the top echelon"

ST/SGB/265 of 28 October 1993, "Changes in the top echelon"

ST/SGB/271 of 5 August 1994, "Reorganization of the Department of Administration and Management"

ST/SGB/281 of 30 November 1995, "Efficiency Board"

Section 2

Administrative instructions

Existing administrative instructions shall be reviewed as soon as practicable and those deemed obsolete shall be abolished.

Section 3

Final provision

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 15 September 1997 and shall be struck from the register of current issuances on 31 December 1999.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN
Secretary-General

Annex II

United Nations ST/SGB/1999/11*

Secretariat

30 June 1999

Secretary-General's bulletin

Abolition of obsolete administrative issuances and information circulars

The Secretary-General, for the purpose of abolishing administrative issuances and information circulars containing rules and provisions which, are either no longer applicable, owing to changed circumstances, or which have been incorporated into or replaced by new administrative issuances, and for the purpose of streamlining the rules of the Organization, promulgates the following:

Section 1
Secretary-General's bulletins

The following Secretary-General's bulletins are hereby abolished:

ST/SGB/UNEF/2/Rev.2 of 30 December 1960, entitled "Financial Rules for the Special Account for the United Nations Emergency Force"

ST/SGB/134 of 8 August 1967, entitled "United Nations Social Defence Research Institute"

ST/SGB/144 of 28 December 1973, entitled "In-service training and career development for Secretariat staff"

ST/SGB/166 of 18 May 1978, entitled "Establishment of a career development system"

ST/SGB/173 of 29 August 1979, entitled "Competitive examinations for promotion to the Professional category of staff members from other categories"

* Originally issued in English and French only.

ST/SGB/247 of 6 February 1992, entitled "Temporary suspension of recruitment"

ST/SGB/272 of 9 August 1994, entitled "Security of information"

Section 2
Administrative instructions

The following administrative instructions are hereby abolished:

ST/AI/182 of 17 December 1968, entitled "Obligations of staff members"

ST/AI/209 of 5 January 1972, entitled "Pensionable remuneration on promotion to Professional category"

ST/AI/245 of 11 May 1977, entitled "Outposting of staff from the established location of a department to another location"

ST/AI/283 of 27 January 1982, entitled "Official holidays"

ST/AI/298 and Amend.1 of 28 February 1983 and 15 October 1984, respectively, entitled "Overtime and night differential for staff in the General Service and related categories"

ST/AI/316 of 6 March 1984, entitled "Granting of status of staff members to full-time language teachers"

ST/AI/336 of 15 September 1986, entitled "Report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts and related decisions of the General Assembly"

ST/AI/365 and Corr.1 of 13 August and 24 September 1990, respectively, entitled "Implementation of changes to salary policy in promotions"

ST/AI/380 of 23 December 1992, entitled "Acceptance of payments from Governments to supplement United Nations emoluments"

ST/AI/415 of 2 April 1996, entitled "Redeployment of staff"

Section 3
Information circulars

3.1 The following information circulars are abolished:

ST/ADM/SER.A/277 of 8 October 1954, entitled "Standards of conduct in the international civil service"

ST/ADM/SER.A/564 of 30 September 1959, entitled "To clarify application of United Nations compensation (and related) rules to United Nations staff members"

ST/IC/79/10 of 24 January 1979, entitled "Unauthorized absence"

ST/IC/81/19 of 10 March 1981, entitled "Review of General Service staff members recommended for promotion to the Professional category for the 1979 register"

ST/IC/82/13 of 26 February 1982, entitled "Standards of conduct"

ST/IC/86/52 of 10 October 1986, entitled "Career development and placement of staff"

ST/IC/86/62 of 24 November 1986, entitled "Career development plan for the General Service and related categories in New York"

ST/IC/89/2 of 5 January 1989, entitled "Conduct of staff members"

ST/IC/1990/63 of 30 August 1990, entitled "Language allowance for staff in the Trades and Crafts category at Headquarters"

ST/IC/1992/18 of 6 March 1992, entitled "Separation payments for staff in the Professional and higher categories"

ST/IC/1995/8 of 28 February 1995, entitled "Mission readiness workshops"

ST/IC/1996/10 of 2 February 1996, entitled "Conduct of staff in their relations with government representatives"

3.2 All other information circulars issued before 1 June 1997, when Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/2, entitled "Information circulars" entered into force, will expire as at 31 December 2000. Provisions which need to be maintained will be promulgated through administrative issuances in accordance with Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/1, or reissued as information circulars in accordance with Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/1997/2.

Section 4

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 1 July 1999.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**
Secretary-General

Annex III

United Nations ST/SGB/2000/16 *

Secretariat

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Secretary-General's bulletin

Abolition of obsolete administrative issuances

The Secretary-General, for the purpose of abolishing administrative issuances containing rules and provisions that are either no longer applicable, owing to changed circumstances, or that have been incorporated into or replaced by new administrative issuances, and for the purpose of streamlining the rules of the Organization, promulgates the following:

Section 1
Secretary-General's bulletins

The following Secretary-General's bulletins are hereby abolished:

ST/SGB/207/Rev.1 of 16 December 1987, entitled "Official United Nations travel to and representation at conferences and meetings";

ST/SGB/231 of 20 June 1989, entitled "Establishment of a Senior Advisory Board on Services to the Public";

ST/SGB/233 of 4 January 1990, entitled "Establishment of a Senior Planning and Monitoring Group for Peacekeeping Operations";

ST/SGB/245 of 5 December 1991, entitled "Technological Innovations Board";

ST/SGB/270 of 14 January 1994, entitled "Advisory Panel on Management and Finance";

ST/SGB/278 of 14 September 1995, entitled "Financial situation of the organization".

* Originally issued in English and French only.

Section 2
Administrative instructions

The following administrative instructions are hereby abolished:

ST/AI/67/Rev.6 of 30 July 1979, entitled "Procedure for sale of copies of United Nations sound recordings";

ST/AI/82 of 16 August 1950, entitled "Authority for mailing official United Nations publications and supplies and equipment";

ST/AI/241 of 8 October 1976, entitled "Changed audit emphasis by United Nations Board of Auditors";

ST/AI/265 of 16 May 1979, entitled "Overtime compensation at Headquarters";

ST/AI/320 and Add.1 of 14 September 1984 and 1 November 1984, respectively, and ST/AI/320/Add.1/Corr.1 and 2 of 8 November and 18 December 1984, respectively, entitled "Staff incentive programme";

ST/AI/329 of 17 June 1985, entitled "Requisition for equipment, supplies or services — form PT.72";

ST/AI/330 of 11 July 1985, entitled "Revised telegraph form";

ST/AI/339 of 3 April 1987, entitled "Acquisition, replacement and maintenance of office automation equipment";

ST/AI/345 of 20 October 1987, entitled "The establishment and operation of technological innovations committees at regional commissions and other locations away from Headquarters";

ST/AI/347 of 9 March 1988, entitled "Policies and procedures for office automation standardization";

ST/AI/355 of 7 September 1988, entitled "Guidelines for the acquisition, use and support of microcomputers in the United Nations";

ST/AI/359 of 12 December 1989, entitled "Standards for desktop publishing hardware and software";

ST/AI/361 of 29 March 1990, entitled "Standard for word-processing software for microcomputers";

ST/AI/386 of 23 August 1993, entitled "Electronic mail policies and standards".

Section 3
Final provision

The present bulletin shall enter into force on 31 December 2000.

Kofi A. Annan
Secretary-General

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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001.

2. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and decisions in which it authorized relevant functional commissions, standing committees or expert bodies to undertake additional activities, including meetings, in excess of those initially proposed in the programme budget for 2002-2003. In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions. The additional requirements entailed by the Council resolutions and decisions are described below.

3. With regard to additional conference-servicing requirements, in each relevant case the Council was informed of the full cost of the additional services to be provided and that provisions had been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, not only for meetings already programmed at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings or extensions of meetings that might be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings were consistent with the pattern of meetings of past years. On that basis, it was indicated to the Council that no additional resources would be required under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 as a result of the Council's resolutions and decisions.

4. In its report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

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(A/54/7/Add.2), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested that future reports on the subject contain full cost estimates, including both conference and non-conference costs, of additional requirements. In response to that request, the additional requirements resulting from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council in 2001 to be financed from the existing provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 are provided in the annex to the present report.

Additional requirements entailed by resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council

Decisions 2001/218, 2001/292 and 2001/293

United Nations Forum on Forests

5. In paragraph 9.66 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 9)), the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that, at the time of preparation of the initial proposals, it was not possible to assess definitive resource requirements for the functioning of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, since decisions on the programme of work, the location of the secretariat and secondment of staff were yet to be taken during the Forum's session in 2001. The Forum, at its organizational session in February 2001, decided to locate its secretariat at United Nations Headquarters in New York. At its first session, in June 2001, the Forum further decided to adopt its multi-year programme of work for the period 2001-2005.

6. In its decisions 2001/218 of 3 May 2001 and 2001/292 and 2001/293 of 26 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, inter alia, taking into account the decisions of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its organizational session in February 2001 and its first session in June 2001:

(a) Decided that the first and fifth substantive sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests would be held in New York, that two of the three intervening sessions would be held in Geneva and one in San Jose, Costa Rica, and that any ministerial segment to be convened during the intervening period would be convened during the session held in San Jose;

(b) Decided that the first high-level ministerial segment of the United Nations Forum on Forests would be held during its second session;

(c) Welcomed with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of Costa Rica to host the second session of the Forum in San Jose from 4 to 15 March 2002;

(d) Took note of the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its first session.

7. A statement of the programme budget implications of the decision of the Forum on the multi-year programme of work was submitted to the Forum at its first session (E/CN.18/2001/L.4) and relates to sections 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, 9, Economic and social affairs, 27D, Office of Central Support Services, 32, Staff assessment and Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

8. The programme of work under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 included only a reference to outputs related to servicing the Forum. Below is the narrative for the objectives, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, external factors and additional outputs derived from the multi-year programme of work adopted by the Forum and endorsed by the Council. Subject to the decision of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, this narrative will be incorporated into the final version of the programme of work of section 9 of the programme budget for the 2002-2003 biennium.

Table 9.13
Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement

Objective: To provide for continued policy development and dialogue among Governments, international organizations, including major groups, as identified in Agenda 21, to facilitate implementation of forest-related agreements and foster a common understanding on sustainable forest management; to address forest issues and emerging areas of concern in a holistic, comprehensive and integrated manner, and to promote the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests with the view to strengthening long-term political commitment, based on the Rio Declaration, the Forest Principles, Chapter 11 of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IPF/IFF) process.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Foster international cooperation in sustainable forest management and development among Member States, including coordination between North and South and public and private partnerships, as well as cross-sectoral cooperation at the national, regional and global levels.	(a) The number of coordination and cooperation activities implemented on mutually agreed actions on forests and the fostering of synergies.
(b) Facilitate and promote the implementation of the IPF/IFF proposals for action, as well as other actions, which may be agreed upon.	(b) Adoption and implementation of the Plan of Action, including the meeting of targets, timetables and financial provisions and the number of national, regional and global activities carried out in support of national forest and other integrated land-use programmes.
(c) Strengthen political commitments to the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests through ministerial engagements,	(c) The number of High-Level Ministerial Segment meetings, including policy dialogues between the ministers and executive heads of

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
action-oriented dialogues and policy formulation related to forests.	organization of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and the formulation of policies relating to the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests.
(d) Monitor and assess progress at the national, regional and global levels through reporting by Governments, as well as by regional and international organizations, institutions and instruments.	(d) Establishment of an effective mechanism to monitor, assess and report on progress made.

External factors

Paragraph 9.68

The objectives and expected accomplishments related to the United Nations Forum on Forests are expected to be achieved on the assumption that Governments, international and regional organizations and instruments will give priority to the implementation of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests (Forest Principles), Chapter 11 of Agenda 21 and the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests/Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IPF/IFF) proposals for action.

Outputs

Paragraph 9.69

a. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB/XB)

(v) United Nations Forum on Forests: Replace with the following:

a. Substantive servicing. Meetings of the second and third sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests (40);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Reports on relevant themes of the Forum's Multi-Year Programme of Work for the biennium 2002-2003 and for its high-level ministerial segment (20); background papers for the Forum (6) and information notes for the Bureau of the Forum, including from the four ad hoc expert group meetings listed below (6);

c. Ad hoc expert groups on: financing for sustainable forest management (1); transfer of environmentally sound technology for sustainable forest management (1); the structure, frequency and mechanism of a monitoring, assessment and reporting system on sustainable forest management (1); and

consideration of parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests (1);

b. Other substantive outputs (RB/XB)

(i) Recurrent publications. UNFF Newsletter (12);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications. Strategies for financing sustainable forest management (1); study on the monitoring, assessment and reporting on sustainable management of forests (1); emerging issues related to forests (1); lessons learned in the implementation of sustainable forest management practices (1);

c. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

(i) Substantive servicing of the meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF);

(ii) Liaison with international and regional financial institutions, including the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility and regional development banks;

(iii) Participation in and provision of substantive support to various expert and major group meetings on forest-related issues in support of the multi-year programme of work of the Forum;

(iv) Special events, including those held during the annual sessions of the Forum;

(v) Participation in inter-agency joint programming exercises in support of the Plan of Action of the United Nations Forum on Forests;

(vi) Representation of the Forum at forest-related international, regional and national meetings;

(vii) Consultations with donor countries and agencies on forest-related issues.

9. The additional requirements for implementing the above programme of work, as explained below, are estimated at $2,250,000 gross as follows: $1,572,800 under section 9, $519,800 under section 27D and $157,400 for section 32, Staff assessment, offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Section 9, Economic and social affairs

10. Under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000, the United Nations Forum on Forests would initially meet for a period of two weeks annually and the travel expenses for one representative of each member State of the United Nations Forum on Forests that is also a member State of the Commission on Sustainable Development and is participating in a session of the Forum would be paid from the regular budget of the United Nations. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, resource requirements of $119,900 were proposed to provide for such travel; hence additional requirements are not expected to arise for the travel expenses of representatives to attend the second and

third sessions of the Forum. In accordance with current practice, it is envisaged that travel support for representatives of least developed countries not members of the Commission on Sustainable Development to participate in the sessions of the Forum will continue to be provided from available extrabudgetary resources.

11. In accordance with the headquarters principle embodied in General Assembly resolution 40/243, the sessions of the United Nations Forum on Forests should be held in New York. Conference-servicing costs are estimated on a full-cost basis at $574,000 for one annual second session of the Forum. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, were the second session of the Forum to be held in Costa Rica at the invitation of the Government, any additional cost directly or indirectly involved in holding the meeting in that country will be borne by the host Government in accordance with established practice. The decision to convene the third session in 2003 in Geneva would also constitute an exception to General Assembly resolution 40/243. In this particular case, the full cost of one session of the Forum in Geneva would amount to $493,400. These costs are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity included under section 2 (General Assembly affairs and conference services) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Provision has been included under that section not only for meetings programmed at the time of preparation of the budget, but also for meetings which might be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings of past years. As a result, no additional resources would be required under section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

12. At its organizational session, in February 2001, the United Nations Forum on Forests decided to locate the secretariat of the Forum at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It is expected that the Forum secretariat would operate as a distinct unit reporting directly to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. The Secretary-General in responding to the Forum's decision to locate its secretariat of the UNFF in New York, recalls that one of the working modalities of the Forum called for in operative paragraph 4 (h) of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 is the maintenance of close links with the Commission on Sustainable Development, for which the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has servicing responsibilities; hence the decision for placement of the Forum secretariat in the Department.

13. Currently, the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests consists of six professional positions, one junior professional officer, and two General Service (Other level) posts funded from various sources as follows: one L-7 (funded by the Trust Fund in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests); two D-1s (one each seconded from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and from the United Nations Environment Programme); one P-5 (seconded from the International Tropical Timber Organization); two P-4 (one seconded from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and one from the Centre for International Forestry Research); one junior professional officer (funded by the Government of Finland); and two General Service (Other level) posts (funded from the Trust Fund in Support of the United Nations Forum on Forests. Sufficient extrabudgetary resources are available to enable the current staff to continue to operate until the end of 2001. The extrabudgetary resources available as of the date of writing amount to about $1,800,000.

14. Taking into account the scope and substance of the work to be carried out by the Secretariat in the coming biennium, it is proposed that the unit providing assistance and support for the Forum initially comprise one D-2, one P-5, one P-4, one P-3 and two General Service (Other level) established posts. It is proposed that these posts be funded from the United Nations regular budget in the biennium 2002-2003. The staff complement of the United Nations Forum on Forests is expected to be strengthened through secondments from international and regional organizations, institutions and instruments as well as voluntary contributions. UNEP and FAO have indicated that they will continue to second staff to the Forum secretariat during the biennium 2002-2003. It is further expected that other member organizations of CPF will provide information on the secondment of their staff to the Forum secretariat. Staff costs below have been estimated at vacancy rates of 50 per cent for the Professional and higher categories and 35 per cent for the General Service category, in accordance with existing practice for new posts.

(a) A total of $754,300 to provide for six posts as follows:

(i) One D-2, Executive Coordinator and Head of the secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, who is expected to: (a) establish contacts with government officials at the ministerial level and represent the Department at the Ministerial segments of the Forum sessions; (b) maintain contact with the Permanent Representatives of missions based in New York and interact with members of the Forum Bureau; (c) serve as the principal policy adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs on all forest issues related to sustainable development in the implementation of Agenda 21; (d) consult on a regular basis with executive and deputy executive heads of relevant international organizations, particularly members of CPF; heads of other forest-related international and regional organizations, instruments and processes, particularly for critical and emerging issues, Plan of Action and development of strategies for deliberations at the Forum; (e) represent the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and in particular the Forum in high-level inter-agency joint programming exercises as called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35; and (f) represent the Forum on a regular basis at ministerial-level meetings on forest-related issues, and meetings of international and regional organizations and instruments;

(ii) One P-5 (Senior Forest Affairs Officer) post to coordinate and provide substantive guidance and inputs in the preparation of reports of the Secretary-General and other analytical documentation on sustainable forest management policy issues, draft proposals for policy development and coordination for consideration by the Forum;

(iii) One P-4 (Forest Affairs Officer) post to liaise with members of CPF, provide substantive technical support for the cooperative work of the Forum with CPF and act as Secretary to CPF and assist in the preparation of reports of the Secretary-General and the servicing of the Forum;

(iv) One P-3 (Forest Affairs Officer) post to assist in the preparation of reports of the Secretary-General by undertaking research, collecting, collating and synthesizing data and information and disseminating information on the activities of the Forum;

(v) Two General Service (Other level) posts to provide the necessary secretarial and administrative services to support the secretariat;

(b) A total of $256,000 for consultants who would provide specialized expertise not available in the Secretariat to undertake studies and prepare documentation in support of the programme of work of the Forum (eight work-months at the P-4 level for each of four topics as follows: financing sustainable forest management; transfer of environmentally sound technology for sustainable forest management; monitoring, assessment and reporting on sustainable forest management; other components of the multi-year programme of work, including emerging issues);

(c) A total of $253,600 for four expert group meetings (2 meetings each year consisting of 15 experts at each meeting, 3 from each of the 5 regions) on: the structure, frequency and mechanism of a monitoring, assessment and reporting system on sustainable forest management; financing for sustainable forest management; transfer of environmentally sound technology for sustainable forest management; and consideration of parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests;

(d) A total of $232,300 for travel of staff to do the following: (i) attend the third session of the Forum in Geneva; (ii) attend meetings of intergovernmental bodies and conferences of parties of conventions relevant to forest issues; (iii) participate in consultation with countries and other major players in the area of sustainable forest management; (iv) attend meetings of governmental and non-governmental organizations on issues related to sustainable forest management; (v) provide policy advice and undertake consultations with countries in support of the multi-year programme of work and the Plan of Action; (vi) participate in consultations with regional commissions, FAO, UNEP, the World Bank, United Nations agencies in Geneva, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the Centre for International Forestry Research and other relevant international and regional organizations; (vii) attend the meetings of CPF, established in April 2001 in Rome to provide guidance and to facilitate and promote coordinated and cooperative action, including joint programming; and (viii) submit coordinated proposals to respective governing bodies of the member organizations and facilitate donor coordination;

(e) A total of $44,200 for general operating expenses, such as rental of office equipment, communications, a Local Area Network, telephone and optical disc connections and office automation and equipment maintenance;

(f) A total of $5,400 for supplies and materials required by the Forum secretariat;

(g) A total of $27,000 to replace office automation equipment.

Section 27D, Office of Central Support Services

15. The amount of $519,800 is required for central support services, of which $238,000 would provide for non-recurrent costs related to office alterations and acquisition of furniture and fixtures, and $281,800 recurrent costs to cover rental of premises.

Section 32, Staff assessment and income section 1, Income from staff assessment

16. The amount of $157,400 is needed to provide for staff assessment for the six new posts under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

Decision 2001/316

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

17. In paragraph (a) of its decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council decided to convene the first annual session of the Forum at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 17 May 2002, without prejudice to any future venue of the Forum.

18. Economic and Social Council decision 2001/316 relates to section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 22)). In the proposed programme budget for 2002-2003, it was assumed that the Forum would be meeting in Geneva and no resources were provided for travel of staff to New York to service the Forum and for the differential cost of travel for the members of the Forum between Geneva and New York. An oral statement was made on the programme budget implications of that decision at the time of the Council's review of that decision. The additional requirements under section 22, Human rights, are estimated at $54,800 as follows:

(a) A total of $44,000 for the differential cost of travel and daily subsistence allowance between New York and Geneva for 16 members of the Forum to attend the meeting in New York;

(b) A total of $10,800 for travel of two staff members to New York to assist the Forum in its deliberations.

E/2001/L.8

Extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-fifth session

19. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights submitted to the Economic and Social Council the outcome of the review of the methods of work of the Committee in document E/2001/L.8.

20. It will be recalled that, by decision 1999/287 of 30 July 1999, the Council approved the holding of two additional three-week extraordinary sessions of the

Committee, as well as respective pre-sessional working groups of one week's duration during 2000 and 2001, provided additional funding was made available, requested that those sessions be entirely used for the consideration of reports of the States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports, and requested the Committee to consider ways and means to improve the efficiency of its working methods and to report to the Council in 2001 on the actions taken in that regard.

21. In response to the request by the Economic and Social Council the Committee, at its twenty-fifth session, held from 23 April to 11 May 2001, discussed a number of improvements on its working methods with a view to dealing more effectively with the consideration of State party's reports at its future sessions. As a result, the Committee has adopted revised methods on a provisional basis, pending evaluation of the new procedures later in the year, in time for the annual report to be submitted in December 2001. As a result of the review of its methods of work, the Committee is of the opinion that, for an experimental period of two years, the Committee should hold, as in the past, only two sessions per year, one in April/May and one in November/December.

22. The extract from the report of the Committee relates to section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 22). In paragraph 22.19 of the proposed budget, provisions were made for two additional three-week sessions as well as the related meetings of the pre-sessional working group, based on the assumption that the mandate provided by decision 1999/287 would continue for the biennium 2002-2003.

23. The programme budget implications of the extract from the report of the Committee were submitted to the Economic and Social Council in document E/2001/L.18. The reduction in costs under section 22, Human rights, resulting from that decision was estimated at $340,800 as follows:

(a) A reduction of $323,200 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for 18 members of the Committee;

(b) A reduction of $17,600 for daily subsistence allowance for five members of the pre-sessional working group.

24. In addition, the revised schedule of meetings of the Committee would reflect lower requirements of $1,592,000 per biennium for conference servicing (at full cost). In line with the established methodology for budgeting conference services, the total provision for section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, will be determined only after the adoption of the calendar of conferences for the biennium 2002-2003 and in principle would be unaffected by the above amendment of the schedule of meetings.

Conclusions

25. **In summary, the implications of Economic and Social Council decisions 2001/293 and 2001/316 and the extract from the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twenty-fifth session (E/2001/L.8) would give rise to additional requirements for the biennium 2002-2003 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, section 27D, Office of Central Support Services, and section 32, Staff assessment, and a net reduction in requirements under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. No provisions were made under sections 9 or 27D of the**

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 to cover the additional requirements, and the reductions under section 22 would not fully offset the additional requirements under sections 9 and 27D.

26. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be able to be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

27. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 9 and 27D of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium.

28. Consequently, a net additional provision of $1,964,000 would be required over and above the resources proposed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. This provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require increases and decreases in appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003 as follows:

Section 9, Economic and social affairs	$1 572 800
Section 22, Human rights	($286 000)
Section 27D, Office of Central Support Services	$519 800
Section 32, Staff assessment (to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment)	$157 400
Total	$1 964 000

Annex

Cost estimates of additional activities to be financed from within the existing provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003[a]

Economic and Social Council decisions		*Budget section*	*Additional requirements (in United States dollars)*	
			Substantive	*Conference services (sect. 2)*
2001/240	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its tenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the eleventh session of the Commission	14		163 100
2001/317	The Social Forum (Commission on Human Rights decision 2001/103)	22		185 000
2001/279	Right to restitution, compensation and rehabilitation for victims of grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms (Commission on Human Rights decision 2001/105)	22		64 000
2001/316	Creation of a pre-sessional working group on the administration of justice of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (Commission on Human Rights decision 2001/106)	22		127 000
2001/259	The right to food (Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/25)	22	7 600	
2001/296	Resumed 2001 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations	9		344 400
2001/317	Work of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/60)	22	2 300	
Total			**9 900**	**883 500**

[a] The estimates of the cost of the additional activities requested by the Commission on Human Rights relating to perennial activities would be financed from the existing provisions and, therefore, such costs are not included in this table.

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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/101 of 26 June 2001, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Soemadi D. M. **Brotodiningrat** (Indonesia);

Mr. Michiel W. H. **Crom** (Netherlands);

Ms. Nazareth A. **Incera** (Costa Rica);

Mr. Rajat **Saha** (India);

Ms. **Sun** Minqin (China);

Mr. Juichi **Takahara** (Japan);

Mr. Nicholas A. **Thorne** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Education

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Institute international d'administration publique, Paris, Section diplomatique.

Mid-career Foreign Service Course, Jakarta.

Senior Foreign Service Course, Jakarta.

Current position

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan and to the Federated States of Micronesia, Tokyo.

Professional career

1965	Joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.
1965-1971	Head of Section, Directorate of Information, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1971-1975	Third Secretary/Second Secretary, Indonesian Embassy, Brussels (also accredited to Luxembourg and to the European Community).
1975-1978	Deputy Director, Directorate of Social and Cultural Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1978-1982	First Secretary/Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York.
1982-1984	Deputy Director, Directorate of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1984-1988	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations, New York.
1988-1991	Director of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1991-1995	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations and other international organizations, Geneva.
1995-1998	Director General of Foreign Economic Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.
1998-present	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to Japan and to the Federated States of Micronesia, Tokyo.

Working experience

United Nations administrative and budgetary matters

Member of the Indonesian delegation to the General Assembly, 1978-1998.

Representative of Indonesia to the Fifth Committee, 1978-1988.

Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee, thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, 1981.

Representative of Indonesia on the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1978-1985.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1984.

Representative of Indonesia on the Committee on Conferences, 1978-1982.

Other United nations bodies and related forums

Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, fortieth session of the General Assembly, 1985.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to various sessions of the Economic and Social Council.

Vice-President of the UNDP Governing Council, 1987.

President of the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1966.

Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, 1993.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to the various meetings of UNCTAD.

Member of the Indonesian delegation to various meetings of GATT/WTO, ILO, WHO, ITU, WIPO, FAO and UNIDO.

President of the Conference on Disarmament, 1994.

Non-United Nations organizations and forums

Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Group of 77, Organization of the Islamic Conference, ASEAN, APEC, ASEM, IOR-ARC, Group of 15.

President of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities, 1997-1998.

Bilateral missions and joint commissions.

Awards

Satya Lencana Karya Satya 20th, Indonesia.

Satya Lencana Karya Satya 30th, Indonesia.

Bintang Jasa Utama, Indonesia.

Officier de l'Ordre de Leopold, Belgium.

Groot Officer in de Orde yan Orange-Nassau, the Netherlands.

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Education: Leiden University, Master of Law, 1972.

Professional experience

1972-1975	Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Social Welfare, Department of International Affairs, dealing mainly with UNESCO and international conventions.
1974	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the UNESCO General Conference.
1975-1979	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of International Organizations, section dealing with administrative and budgetary questions and the coordination thereof in the United Nations system. Responsible for coordination of administrative and budgetary issues in the General Assembly, the Fifth Committee and the World Health Assembly.
1979-1986	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Section, responsible for administrative and budgetary questions and the coordination thereof in the United Nations system.
1976-1986	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the General Assembly, representative on the Fifth Committee.
	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the budgetary and administrative committees of FAO, UNESCO, UNIDO, ILO and IAEA.
	Member of the Netherlands delegation to the WHO Assembly, 1978-1984.
1985-1986	Netherlands representative to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1987-1990	First Secretary, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands in Oslo.
1990-1994	Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Netherlands in Prague.
1994-1997	Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Head of the Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of the Netherlands in Bangkok.
	Permanent Representative to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Various functions in the yearly ESCAP Conference:
	Vice-Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, 1995;
	Chairman Resolutions Committee, 1996;
	Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, 1997.

1997	Second half: Head of the Political and Information Division, European Community Monitor Mission in Sarajevo.
1998-present	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations.
	Netherlands representative on the Fifth Committee; During the membership of the Netherlands on the Security Council (1999-2000), also in charge of the daily management of the Mission.

Nazareth A. Incera (Costa Rica)

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations for the period 1999 to 2001.

Born 18 July 1941 in Costa Rica.

Education

1988	New York University Multinational Institute of American Studies on Contemporary American Politics
1962	Sacro Cuore University Milan, Italy
	Psychological testing
1963	University of Southern Mississippi Business Administration, Psychology

Professional experience

1999-present	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)
1999-present	Adviser on multilateral policy issues Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1996-1999	Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1990-1996	Minister, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1984-1989	Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1978-1983	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations New York
1972-1978	Consul, New York
1967-1972	Consul, Milan, Italy
1964-1967	Vice-Consul, Milan, Italy

Professional responsibilities

1997-1999	Representative of Costa Rica to the Caucus of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Security Council
1997-1998	Representative of Costa Rica to the Security Council (European issues)
1997-1998	Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary questions) of the United Nations

1996	Chairman of the Group of 77 and China (Fifth Committee issues)
1992-1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Second Committee (economic questions)
1985-1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries
1982-1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fifth Committee
1982-1994	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Group of 77
1982-1984	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Fourth Committee (Decolonization) and the Committee on Information
1972-1980	Delegate of Costa Rica to the plenary of the General Assembly

International meetings

1999	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Summit Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Cartagena, Colombia
1997	Head of the delegation of Costa Rica to the Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, New Delhi
1995	Delegate of Costa Rica to the Summit Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Cartagena, Colombia
1994	Head of the delegation of Costa Rica to the Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Bandung, Indonesia

Seminars

1991	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
	Workshop programme on international affairs (peacekeeping operations)
1982	World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.

Languages

Spanish, English and Italian (fluent)

French (basic knowledge)

Rajat Saha (India)

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Languages spoken:	English, Bengali, Hindi and Bhasa Thai.

Previous professional experience

1977	Joined the Indian Foreign Service.
1979-1981	Third/Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Bangkok. Functioned as Head of Chancery.
1982-1985	Second/first Secretary, Embassy of India at Seoul. Responsible for Economic and Commercial Divisions.
1986	Under-Secretary, Foreign Service Training Institute.
1987-1988	Deputy Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs.
1988-1991	First Secretary/Counsellor, Embassy of India at Berne. Functioned as Head of Chancery and responsible for Political and Consular Divisions.
1991-1993	Counsellor, Embassy of India, Tripoli. Functioned as Deputy Chief of Mission.
1994	Attended training course at the National Defence College, New Delhi.
1995-1996	Director, Ministry of External Affairs, in charge of communication Division and Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer.
1996-1999	Counsellor/Minister at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations; leader of the Indian delegation to the Fifth Committee.
1999-present	Member, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Sun Minqin (China)

Date and place of birth: 31 May 1953, Shanghai, China.

Education

1978-1979	Postgraduate studies in London School of Economics, majoring in International Relations.
1977-1978	Postgraduate studies in Ealing College of Higher Education, United Kingdom, majoring in English.
1973-1977	Graduate studies in Beijing University of Foreign Studies, majoring in English, Politics and History, etc.

Professional experience

1999-present	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations, in charge of Fifth Committee affairs.
1994-1999	First Secretary and Deputy Director of First Division, in charge of Fifth Committee and Security Council affairs.
1990-1994	Second/First Secretary, Office of the Representative of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group.
1985-1990	Third/Second Secretary, Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Fifth Committee (United Nations General Assembly) affairs.
1981-1985	Attaché, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in charge of secretarial and protocol work.
1979-1981	Staff member, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Participation in international conferences

Fifth Committee meetings (United Nations General Assembly) in 1987, 1989, 1999 and 2000.

Meetings of the Executive Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission held in Geneva in 1996 and 1997.

Executive Council meeting of Inter-Parliamentary Union in 1997.

Ministerial Meeting and Summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 1998.

Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 1989, 1998, 1999, 2000.

Juichi Takahara (Japan)

Date of birth

25 August 1953

Present position

Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions since February 2000; Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, in charge of administrative and budgetary affairs since February 1999; delegate to the Fifth Committee since February 1999; rapporteur of the thirty-ninth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Academic background

B.A. in Law, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, 1977

Professional career

1996-1999	Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Singapore
1994-1996	Director, Science and Nuclear Energy Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1994	Senior Assistant, General Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-1994	Deputy Director, Financial Affairs Division (in charge of planning and implementation of the Ministry's budget, including United Nations budget), Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1990-1992	Deputy Chief of Mission, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan, Côte d'Ivoire
1987-1990	First Secretary, Japanese Mission to the European Communities
1985-1987	Deputy Director, Second Latin America and Caribbean Division, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1983-1985	Assistant Director, Personnel Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980-1983	Disarmament Division, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1980	Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1978-1980	Attaché, Embassy of Japan, France
1977-1978	First West Europe Division, European and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nicholas A. Thorne

Date and place of birth:	31 March 1948, Margate, United Kingdom.
Education:	Chatham House Grammar School, University of Westminster, United Kingdom
Working languages:	English, French.

Professional experience

1971-1974	Third Secretary, British Embassy, Yaoundé. Accredited to Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Central African Republic.
1974-1978	United Kingdom permanent representation to the European Communities in Brussels. Responsible for European Community resources and financing issues. UK representative on the EU Budget Committee.
1978-1979	Sabbatical year at University of Westminster (special emphasis on financial issues, accounting and audit standards).
1979-1980	South Pacific Department, Foreign Office.
1980-1983	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations, New York. Responsible for First Committee issues and certain issues covered by the Security Council.
1983-1987	Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Manila. Responsible for coordinating general bilateral political and commercial issues, including finance.
1987-1989	Deputy Head of United Nations department, Foreign Office. Responsible for all aspects of United Kingdom policy towards the United Nations, including financial, administrative and management issues.
1989-1991	Secondment to Thorn EMI Plc (a major communications and high-technology multinational). Responsible for advising on potential mergers and acquisitions in Eastern Europe.
1991-1995	Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, United Kingdom Embassy, Helsinki. Responsible for bilateral, political and commercial issues.
May 1995	Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. Leader of United Kingdom delegation to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
November 1998	Elected member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
December 1998	Relinquished responsibilities at the United Kingdom Mission.
January 1999 to date	Independent member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/102, of the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Henry Siegfried **Fox** (Australia);
Bernardo **Greiver** (Uruguay);
Hassan Mohammed **Hassan** (Nigeria);
Eduardo **Iglesias** (Argentina);
Omar **Kadiri** (Morocco);
Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes **Ramos** (Portugal).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Henry Siegfried Fox (Australia)

Born: 26 October 1955, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

Education

1978-1981	Master of Arts in History, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.
1974-1977	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.

Employment history

1999-present	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, New York (Fifth Committee delegate). From December 2000, member of the Committee on Contributions.
1994-1999	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1994-1995	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, New York (for forty-ninth session of the General Assembly).
1992-1994	First Secretary, Australian High Commission, New Delhi.
1990-1992	Executive Officer, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.
1989-1990	Senior Adviser, Corporate Planning, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1987-1989	Adviser, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.
1985-1987	Education Officer, New South Wales Department of Technical and Further Education, Sydney.
1984-1985	Research Consultant, Sydney.
1980-1984	Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs, Melbourne.

Current position

Mr. Fox joined the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations as the Australian delegate to the Fifth Committee in July 1999. At the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, he participated in the negotiations on the United Nations budget for the biennium 2000-2001; at the fifty-fifth session of the Assembly, he participated in the negotiations on the scale of assessments for the United Nations regular budget for 2001-2003 and on the revised peacekeeping scale of assessments. Following the resignation of Neil Francis (Australia), Mr. Fox was elected on 6 December 2000 to the Committee on Contributions for the balance of Mr. Francis' term, which is to end on 31 December 2001.

Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay)

Present position: Chief of Cabinet to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Born: 5 November 1962, Montevideo.

Academic background

Graduated in International Relations, University of the Republic, Montevideo.

Graduated from the Instituto Artigas del Servicio Exterior (Diplomatic Academy of Uruguay).

Professional career

2001	Chief of Cabinet to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2001	Promoted to Counsellor.
1999	Staff member of the secretariat to the President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.
1994-1999	First Secretary to the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations, in charge of the Second and Fifth Committees.
1993	Chief of Cabinet to the Director General for Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1990-1992	Served as diplomatic Secretary to the Department of Political Affairs, Division of Eastern Europe and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria)

Born: 15 July 1959.

Educational background

1965-1971	Miringa Central Primary School, Biu Local Government, Borno State, Nigeria.
1972-1977	Government Secondary School, Biu, Borno State, Nigeria.
	University of Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria.
1999-present	John's University, New York, Masters in Business Administration.

Qualifications obtained

1971	First School Leaving Certificate.
1977	West African School Certificate.
1982	Bachelor of Science (Honours Economics).

Professional training

1988	Nigerian Foreign Service Academy, Lagos, Nigeria (Certificate in Diplomacy).
1989	Foreign Service Training Institute, Islamabad (Specialized Certificate in Diplomacy).
1998	United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Orientation course for new delegates (April).
1999	United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Course for drafting of resolutions (August).

Positions held

1984-1987	Third Secretary, Bilateral Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lagos, Nigeria.
1987-1988	Second Secretary and Desk Officer, Bilateral Economic Cooperation with West European Countries.
1990-1992	First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Nigerian High Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan.
1993-1995	Counsellor, Directorate of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.
1995-1998	Counsellor, Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abuja.
1998-2000	Counsellor/Head of Chancery, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York.
	Chairman of the Group of 77 and China in the Fifth Committee; Chief negotiator of Group during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.
	Senior Counsellor and delegate of Nigeria to the Fifth Committee.

Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina)

Date of birth: 3 May 1936.

Profession

Lawyer, graduate of University of Buenos Aires, 1960.

Member of the Foreign Service: Ambassador.

Joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs in December, 1965.

Foreign appointments

Secretary, Embassy of Argentina in Switzerland, 1971-1975.

Minister plenipotentiary, Embassy of Argentina in the United Kingdom, 1977-1982.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Bolivia, 1987-1991.

Head of Mission, Embassy of Argentina in Chile, 1993-1997.

Posts held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Buenos Aires

1965-1971	Member, Department of the Legal Counsellor.
1975-1977	Member, Department for the River Plate Basin.
1982-1983	Section Head, Technical and Administrative Undersecretariat.
1983-1985	Director, Department for International Rivers.
1985-1987	Director, Department for Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.
1991	General Director for Latin American policy.
1991-1993	Assistant Secretary for Latin American policy.

Main diplomatic posts held

Chairman, Joint Maritime Shore Technical Commission (Uruguay, 1983-1986); Delegate (1975-1977).

Chairman, International Whaling Commission (1981-1984).

Commissioner for Argentina (1977-1993).

General Secretary for the River Plate Basin (1983-1984).

Secretary pro tempore of the Rio Group and the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (1991-1992).

Senior member of the Foreign Service Qualifying Board of Argentina (1991-1993).

Full professor, Foreign Service Institute of Argentina (1975-1977 and 1983-1985).

First elected President, Foreign Service Professional Association (1986-1987).

Academic activities

Professor of Public International Law, University of Buenos Aires (1975-1977 and 1982-1984); member of the faculty (1967-1984).

Catholic University of Argentina (1982).

Full professor of Latin American and Caribbean International Relations, University of Belgrano (1992-1993).

Advisory member, Argentine Council for International Relations (1990).

Lectures, courses, publications, seminars (Buenos Aires, Geneva, London, La Paz and Santiago).

Fellow, International Court of Justice, The Hague (1967 and 1970); United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), New York, (1967); International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (1967); Harvard Law School (1969).

Private law practice (Buenos Aires and Chubut) (1960-1965).

Academic honours from Bolivia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Chile (Grand Cross of the Republic of Chile and O'Higgins Grand Cross) and Brazil.

Experience in administration and finance

Was in charge of administrative and technical matters for two years in the Administrative and Technical Subsecretariat as Section Head for the Assistant Secretary.

Was a permanent delegate to the International Whaling Commission for ten years and served as Chairman for four years, with oversight of the organizational budget and the various indicators and factors determining the financial contributions of States parties.

As Secretary of the Department for the River Plate Basin, performing the various functions of the technical secretariat, including the preparation of the annual budget and the allocation of funds to the various sections of the Department.

Omar Kadiri (Morocco)

Born: 13 March 1975, in Fès, Morocco.

Education and diplomas

1992	Baccalaureate (Modern literature section).
1992-1996	Diploma, regular course at the National School of Administration.
1996-1997	Preparation of Certificate of higher education in Political Science.

Current position

First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations, assigned to the Fifth Committee.

Professional experience

1 July 1996	Assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Secretary, Foreign Affairs).
July 1996-December 1998	Directorate of Personnel and Training.
January 1998-April 1998	United Nations Specialized Agencies Division, in charge of matters relating to WIPO, ITU, UPU and ISO.
May 1998-September 1998	Non-aligned Movement Division.
October 1998-June 2000	Division of Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions.

Missions

Seminar on the organization of government personnel management (National School of Administration-Rabat, May 1996).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Participated in the International Colloquium on Human Rights and the Moroccan Community Abroad (Tangiers, 1998).

Participated in the Sixth National Congress on the Rights of the Child (Rabat, May 1999).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the 1999 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (Geneva, July 1999).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Vienna, April 2000).

Member of the Moroccan delegation to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Fifth Committee).

Languages

Reads, writes and speaks Arabic, French and English.

Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal)

Born: 15 November 1962, Lisbon.

Education

Law degree, Portuguese Catholic University, 1989.

Professional career

Junior Account Executive, Dun and Bradstreet Portugal, 1990.

Lawyer, Portuguese Order of Barristers, Lisbon Branch, 1990-1991.

Entered the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1991.

Attaché, 1991.

Third Secretary, 1992.

Posted to the Embassy of Portugal in Tokyo, 1994.

Second Secretary, 1995.

First Secretary, 1998.

Posted to the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations, in July 1999, in charge of Fifth Committee matters.

Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General (A/56/103) of 26 June 2001, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint, as a member of the Board of Auditors, the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State to fill the vacancy that will occur in the membership of the Board beginning on 1 July 2002 and ending on 30 June 2006.

2. The Government of the Philippines has nominated the Chairman of the Commission on Audit of the Philippines for reappointment to the United Nations Board of Auditors.

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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in the note by the Secretary-General (A/56/103) of 26 June 2001, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint, as a member of the Board of Auditors, the Auditor-General, or officer holding the equivalent title, of a Member State to fill the vacancy that will occur in the membership of the Board beginning on 1 July 2002 and ending on 30 June 2008.

2. The Government of the Philippines has nominated the Chairman of the Commission on Audit of the Philippines for reappointment to the United Nations Board of Auditors.

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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/104, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of three persons to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee resulting from the expiration, on 31 December 2001, of the terms of office of Emmanuel N. Omaboe (Ghana), Yves Oltramare (Switzerland) and Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany).

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Secretary-General, after consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of Emmanuel Noi Omaboe (Ghana), Yves Oltramare (Switzerland) and Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany) as members of the Investments Committee for three-year terms of office beginning on 1 January 2002. Mr. Omaboe is the Chairman of the Committee and has served on the Committee since 1980, Mr. Oltramare has served on the Committee since 1974, and Mr. Reimnitz since 1975. The Secretary-General greatly appreciates their willingness to carry on this important international public service.

3. In accordance with past practice, the Secretary-General proposes to appoint Emilio J. Cárdenas (Argentina), Frigyes Hárshegyi (Hungary) and Hélène Ploix (France) as ad hoc members for one year, beginning 1 January 2002.

4. The curricula vitae of the appointees for confirmation and the ad hoc members are set out in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae

Emilio J. Cárdenas (Argentina)

Born: 13 August 1942, Buenos Aires.

Career

Executive Director, HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A. (March 1996 to date).

Vice President, International Bar Association (October 2000).

Member of the informal advisory group to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (October 1998).

Secretary-General of the International Bar Association (September 1998).

Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq (November 1997).

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations (September 1992-March 1996).

Representative to the Security Council (1994-1995).

Chairman of the Sanctions Committee for the former Yugoslavia (1995).

Ambassador to Dominica and Guyana (1993-1996).

Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (1995).

Member of the Board of Directors of HSBC Argentina Holdings S.A.; HSBC Bank Argentina S.A.; HSBC-La Buenos Aires Seguros S.A.; HSBC-New York Life (Argentina) S.A.; Máxima S.A. AFJP; HSBC Salud (Argentina) S.A.; IRSA S.A.; and Chevron San Jorge S.A.

Associations

Professor of Law at University of Buenos Aires, Catholic University of Argentina, and University of Illinois (United States of America).

Former member of the Board of Directors, Bank of New York S.A.; Michelin Argentina S.A.; CIAMAR S.A.; Ellerstina S.A.; and the Exxel Group S.A.

Former President of the Argentine Banking Association (1988-1992).

Senior Partner at Cárdenas, Cassagne y Asociados (1966-1991).

Education

University of Buenos Aires Law School, 1964.

University of Michigan Law School (Master of Comparative Law).

Princeton University (1965).

University of California at Berkeley (1966).

Frigyes Hárshegyi (Hungary)

Born: 1946, Budapest.

Career

Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Financial Director, Phylaxia Pharma, Drugs Vaccine and Agrobiological Preparations Manufacturing and Distributing Co. Ltd., Budapest (2000 to date).

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, CIB Securities Ltd., Budapest, fully owned company of Central European International Bank Ltd. Budapest (1999-2000).

Member of the Board of Directors and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Central European International Bank Ltd., Budapest (1998–1999).

Member of the Board, General Manager of Capital Markets, Central European International Bank Ltd., Budapest (1997–1998).

Deputy President, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest, and member of the Central Bank Council (1990–1997).

General Manager, International Banking Relations Department, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest (1989–1990).

Head of representative office of the National Bank of Hungary, Frankfurt, Germany (1985–1989).

Deputy General Manager, European Banking Relations, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest (1982–1985).

Managing Director, International Department, International Investment Bank, Moscow (1979–1982).

Legal Advisor on international financial agreements, International Investment Bank, Moscow (1976–1979).

Legal Advisor, International Legal Department, National Bank of Hungary, Budapest (1971–1976).

Associations

Member of the International Advisory Board, Creditanstalt Bankverein, Vienna (1993-1996).

Member of the Supervisory Board, Signal Insurance Co., Budapest (1993-1998).

Member of the Advisory Board, German–Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1998 to date).

Member of the Investments Committee, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund New York (1998 to date).

Member of the Council, Commodity Exchange, Budapest (1998–2000).

Education

Doctorate in Law, University of Szeged, Hungary (1974).

Yves Oltramare (Switzerland)

Born: 3 October 1925.

Career

1952-1957	Lehman Brothers, New York.
1957-1990	Lombard, Odier et Cie, Geneva (Partner after 1 January 1961).

Founding member of European Investment Research Group.

Founding member of the Swiss Association of Securities Analysts.

Associations
On the Board of Directors

1963-1989	Omnium de Petroles S.A. (OPSA), Geneva.
1968-1999	Christie's (International) S.A., Geneva.
1970-1989	Intrag AG, Zürich.
1982-1991	Tractebel Finance S.A., Geneva.
1983-1989	Pechiney Trading Company, Zug.
1985-1991	Omnium Financier de Paris, Paris.
1985-1997	Vita Life Insurance Company, Zürich.
1985-1997	Zürich Insurance Company, Zürich.
1986-1990	Bank Leu AG, Zürich.
1991-1997	SGS-Société Générale de Surveillance Holding S.A., Geneva.

Other
Member of the Pension Fund Investments Committee

1967-present	International Labour Organization, Geneva.
1985-1997	Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva.
1983-1993	President, Fondation Louis-Jeantet de médecine, Geneva.
1994-present	Honorary President, Fondation Louis-Jeantet de médecine, Geneva.

Education

University of Geneva.

E. N. Omaboe (Ghana)
(also known as **Nana Wereko Ampem II**)

Born: 29 October 1930

Career

Chairman and Managing Director, E.N. Omaboe Associates Limited, Investment and Economic Consultants (1969 to date).

Chancellor, University of Ghana (1998 to date).

Commissioner for Economic Affairs (Minister) (1967-1969).

Government Statistician (1960-1966).

Deputy Government Statistician (1959-1960).

Economics Research Fellow, University of Ghana (1957-1959).

Associations

Barclays Bank of Ghana Ltd. (Chairman).

UTC Estates of Ghana Ltd. (Chairman).

Reiss and Company, Ghana, Ltd. (Chairman).

Ammirati Puris Lintas (Chairman).

New World Investments Ltd. (Chairman).

Royal Statistical Society (Honorary Fellow).

International Statistical Institute (Vice-President).

American Statistical Association (Member).

Economic Society of Ghana (President).

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (Member).

Education

University of Ghana, 1951-1954.

London School of Economics, 1954-1957.

Hélène Ploix (France)

Born: September 1944.

Career

Chairman, Pechel Industries (June 1997 to date).

Special Adviser to KPMG Peat Marwick on the single currency (1996-1997).

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Caisse des dépôts et consignations (CDC) and Chairman of CDC Participations, Paris (November 1989-July 1995).

Executive Director, International Monetary Fund and World Bank (February 1986-October 1989).

Adviser to the Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs (August 1984-February 1986).

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Banque industrielle et mobilière privée, Paris (1982-1984).

Vice President, Compagnie européenne de publication, Paris (1978-1982).

Technical Adviser to the Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs (1977-1978).

Senior Engagement Manager, McKinsey and Company, Paris (1968-1978).

Associations

Non-Executive Director, The Boots Company, Ferring, Lafarge and Publicis; Trustee, American University of Paris.

Education

Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Public Service) (1965).

University of California at Berkeley, M.A., Public Administration (1966).

Institut européen d'administration des affaires, MBA (1968).

Graduate in law, Paris (1968).

Bachelor of Arts (English), Paris (1968).

Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany)

Born: 22 September 1930, Gleiwitz, Germany.

Career

Commerzbank, A.G. (since 1951): member of the Central Advisory Board (since 1995) and member of the Board of Managing Directors (1975-1995).

Associations

Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Air Liquide GmbH, Düsseldorf, and Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, KAG mbH, Frankfurt.

Member of the Supervisory Board, Alcan Deutschland GmbH., Eschborn; Rémy-Cointreau S.A., Cognac/Paris; and Bongrain S.A., Viroflay.

Director, Mercury Selected Trust SICAV, Luxembourg, and Mercury Offshore Sterling Trust SIVAC, Luxembourg.

Chairman, Finance Committee, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.

Vice Chairman and Treasurer, International Chamber of Commerce, Germany.

Member, Investments Committee, United Nations, New York.

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Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/56/106, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to appoint five persons to fill vacancies that will occur in the membership of the International Civil Service Commission, beginning on 1 January 2002.

2. The members of the Commission whose terms of office expire on 31 December 2001 are:

Mario **Bettati** (France);

João Augusto **de Médicis** (Brazil);

Lucretia F. **Myers** (United States of America);

Alexis **Stephanou** (Greece);

Ku **Tashiro** (Japan).

Thus, the members to be appointed should come from the following regions:

One member from the Asian States;

One member from the Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from the Western European and Other States.

3. Candidatures have been received from the following Member States:

(a) From the Group of Asian States (one vacancy):

Minoru **Endo** (Japan);

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(b) From the Latin American and Caribbean States (one vacancy):

João Augusto **de Médicis** (Brazil);

(c) From the Western European and Other States (three vacancies):

Mario **Bettati** (France);

Lucretia F. **Myers** (United States of America);

Alexis **Stephanou** (Greece).

4. The appointment of the members of the Commission is governed by the provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 of its statute. Pursuant to those provisions, and in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of section II of General Assembly resolution 43/226 of 21 December 1988, the Secretary-General has undertaken consultations with Member States, through the Chairmen of the various regional groups, with the executive heads of the other organizations, with staff representatives through the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations and the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. Regarding consultations with Member States, Minoru Endo has been endorsed by the Asian States, João Augusto de Médicis has been endorsed by the Latin American and Caribbean States and Mario Bettati, Lucretia Myers and Alexis Stephanou have been endorsed by the Western European and Other States.

6. The Secretary-General thus submits to the Fifth Committee for its consideration the list of candidates nominated for membership in the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning 1 January 2002:

Mario **Bettati** (France);

Minoru **Endo** (Japan);

João Augusto **de Médicis** (Brazil);

Lucretia F. **Myers** (United States of America);

Alexis **Stephanou** (Greece).

7. The curricula vitae of the candidates follow.

Mario Bettati (France)

Born: 7 November 1937, Nice, France.

Degrees and honours

Graduate of The Hague Academy of International Law (1967).

Docteur d'Etat in law (1970).

Prize winner, Faculty of Law and Economics, Nice (thesis prize, 1970).

Prize winner, National Association of Doctors of Law (1970).

Prize winner, International Diplomatic Academy (1986, for a book on refugees).

Professor *agrégé* in faculties of law.

Academic posts

Professor at the University of Paris II.

Director of studies in human rights and humanitarian law and Director of the Centre for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the University of Paris II.

Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Paris-Sud.

Teaching and research assignments abroad

International Institute of Human Rights [Strasbourg] (1986); New York University School of Law (June 1987); Harvard University and Tufts University, Boston (October 1987); French University College of Moscow (October 1991 and 1993); University of Geneva (1996); University of Brasília and University of São Paolo (1997); and International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo (1998-1999).

Other national and international posts

Adviser in the Office of Bernard Kouchner, Secretary of State for Humanitarian Action (1988-1992); and in the Office of Georges Kiejman, Minister Delegate to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (1992-1993).

Member of the French delegation to the Third Committee of the General Assembly since 1990.

French member of the United Nations International Civil Service Commission since 1990.

Vice-Chairman of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights since 1996.

Chairman of the Subcommittee on Humanitarian Law and Action reporting to the Prime Minister.

Publications

Newspapers. Articles in *The Washington Post*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *Le Monde*, *L'Express*, *Le Nouvel Observateur*, *Le Point*, *La Vie*. Co-editor of special

issue of *Le Monde* on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (5 December 1998).

Scientific journals. Over 130 articles on international organizations, international law and the international civil service in legal and administrative journals; reports for seminars in France and abroad.

Radio and television broadcasts. On Paris Première, France-Inter, France-Culture, L.C.I., France 2 and France 3, concerning humanitarian or human rights issues. Co-author of the commemorative series on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights broadcast on France 2 in 1998.

Recent books. *Le recrutement et la carrière des fonctionnaires internationaux*, a compendium of courses given at The Hague Academy of International Law (Leiden, Netherlands, 1988); *L'ONU et la drogue* (Paris: Editions Pedone, 1995); *Le droit d'ingérence, mutation de l'ordre international* (Paris: Editions Odile Jacob, 1996), with translation into Portuguese as *O direto de ingerência, mutação da orden internacional* (Lisbon: Editions Institut Piaget, 1997); *La Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme*, commentaries in the "Folio actuel" series (Paris: Gallimard, 1999); *Le droit humanitaire* (Paris: Editions du Seuil, 2000).

Activities as editor and research director

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Revue Générale de Droit International Public*.

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Revue Politique et Parlementaire*.

Director of the series, *Perspectives juridiques et economiques* (Paris: Economica).

Thesis director and author of prefaces for some 50 doctoral theses in law, 15 of them in progress (law of international organizations, international humanitarian law, the civil service system of the United Nations and the European Communities, and European Union law).

Pro bono and/or humanitarian work

President of the Association Française pour les Nations Unies.

Honorary President for La voix de l'enfant (a federation of 51 associations for assistance to children in distress).

Honorary President of Academus (an association sponsoring concerts and musical education).

Minoru Endo (Japan)

Born: 6 August 1932.

Academic career

1957	Graduated from University of Tokyo, Law School.

Professional career

1973-1975	Director of the General Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1975-1976	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America.
1976-1978	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Spain.
1978-1983	Deputy Director-General, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1983-1986	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations at Geneva, and Consul-General of Japan at Geneva.
1986-1987	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations at Geneva.
1987-1990	Director-General, United Nations Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1990-1993	Ambassador for International Economic Affairs.
1993-1996	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the International Organizations at Geneva.
	Permanent Representative, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and World Trade Organization.

Major conferences and meetings

1988	Representative, third special session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament.
1988-1995	Adviser, General Assembly.
1991-1994	Representative, Meeting of the Contracting Parties, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.
1993-1996	Government delegate, International Labour Conference.
1994	Representative, Trade Negotiations Committee at the ministerial level, Marrakesh, Morocco.
1994-1996	Delegate, World Health Assembly.
1996	Alternate Representative, ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

1995-1999	Head of Delegation, International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
1997	Chairman, Consultative Group on Policy Measures to Increase the Number of Japanese International Civil Servants.

Languages

English, French and Spanish.

João Augusto de Médicis (Brazil)

Born: 18 August 1936, Recife, Brazil.

Education

Brazilian Diplomatic Academy Preparatory Course, Instituto Rio Branco, 1958.

Career

Third Secretary, 1959;

Second Secretary, 1961;

First Secretary, 1967;

Counsellor, 1973;

Minister, 1976;

Ambassador, 1981.

Professional assignments

1961	Attaché to the Office of the Minister of External Relations.
1962	Deputy Head of Protocol.
1967-1969	Deputy Chief of Staff of the Office of the Minister of External Relations.
1969-1970 and 1975-1979	Introducteur des ambassadeurs.
1979-1981	Head Liaison Officer with the Congress.
1981-1982	Head of Protocol.
1983	Head of the Middle East Department.
1996-1999	Under Secretary General for Management, Ministry of External Affairs.
1962-1966	Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in New York.
1996/1997-1980	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Port-au-Prince.
1970-1973	First Secretary/Counsellor, London.
1973-1975	Counsellor, Buenos Aires.
1984-1986	Ambassador, Nairobi.
	Ambassador (non-resident), Kampala.
	Ambassador (non-resident), Port Louis.
	Ambassador (non-resident), Addis Ababa.

	Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme and to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Nairobi.
1987-1990	Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme, Rome.
1991-1994	Ambassador, Warsaw.
1994-1996	Ambassador, Beijing.
1995	Ambassador (non-resident), Ulaanbaatar.
1999-present	Ambassador, Santiago de Chile.

Lucretia F. Myers (United States of America)

Lucretia F. Myers is currently a Commissioner on the 15-member International Civil Service Commission that regulates the conditions of service for employees of the United Nations and other international organizations. She was first appointed to the Commission in 1992 and was re-elected for two four-year terms that began in January 1994 and January 1998.

Ms. Myers retired from the United States Federal Civil Service in February 1998. At the time of her retirement, she was the Senior Policy Advisor for retirement, health and life insurance at the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Prior to serving as the Senior Policy Advisor, Ms. Myers was the Assistant Director for Insurance Programs at the United States Office of Personnel Management. As the Assistant Director, she oversaw the health and life insurance programmes for federal employees, retirees and their families. The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program is the largest employer-sponsored health insurance programme in the United States of America. It covers about 10 million lives, with 375 health insurance companies receiving annual premiums of nearly $16 billion. The office also collected more than $1.6 billion in premiums and paid $1.5 billion in benefits annually for the Federal Employees Life Insurance Program.

From January 1987 to August 1993, Ms. Myers served as the Executive Director of the United States Merit Systems Protection Board, where she managed the programmes and operations of the Board and its 11 regional offices. The Board is a quasi-judicial agency that protects employees against abuses by agency management and conducts studies of the United States federal civil service to ensure that employment practices are based on merit.

Prior to her appointment to the Board, Ms. Myers served in a variety of positions at the United States Office of Personnel Management. Positions held include: Deputy Associate Director for Administration, where she was responsible for the agency's fiscal, administrative, information management and human resources management functions; Deputy Associate Director for Compliance and Investigations, where she managed one of the civilian sector's largest background investigations programmes, as well as the federal Government's personnel management evaluation and workforce information programmes; and Assistant Director for Retirement Programs and subsequently Assistant Director for Pay and Benefits Policy, where she was in charge of administering the Government's fourth largest entitlement programme and directing the policy for one of the world's largest pay and benefits programmes.

Ms. Myers joined the United States personnel agency in 1979 and soon thereafter was appointed Director for Personnel and Equal Employment Opportunity. She came to the Office of Personnel Management from the Department of the Air Force, where she held a variety of positions in human resource management at several geographical locations. Her background includes being a practitioner, manager or executive in virtually all functional areas of human resource management, including position classification and pay administration, labour management and employee relations, recruitment and staffing, training and development.

Ms. Myers served on the Military Health Care Advisory Board of the Department of Defense and was the liaison for the United States Office of Personnel Management to the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Accountability. She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1980 and is a 1983 graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. During her service with the United States Federal Civil Service, she received numerous awards in recognition of her outstanding performance and executive excellence, including the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive.

Alexis Stephanou (Greece)

Born: 3 July 1926, Paris.

Education

Athena University (1946-1950), Diploma in Political Science and Economics.

Australian National University, Canberra (1972-1973).

Seminars in international relations, theory and history of political ideas.

Professional experience

1945-1951	Foreign Press Division Officer, Under-Secretariat for Press and Information.
1951-1953	Embassy Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens.
1953-1957	Vice-Consul at Jerusalem, Secretary to the Diplomatic Representation in Israel; Acting Consul General and Diplomatic Representative, June 1956-January 1957.
1957-1958	Second Secretary, Greek Embassy, Ankara.
1958-1962	First Secretary, Greek Embassy, London.
1962-1964	Head of the Turkish Affairs Section, Political Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1964	Member of the Greek delegation to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris.
1964-1969	Counsellor at the Greek Embassy, Nicosia.
1969-1971	Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations Office at Geneva; Acting Permanent Representative (October 1970-April 1971).
1971-1974	Ambassador of Greece to Australia and New Zealand.
1974-1978	Ambassador of Greece to Bulgaria.
1979-1982	Head of the Division of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens.
	Member of the High Board for Promotions and Transfers, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
	Member of the Committee for the review of the post adjustment scales of Foreign Ministry staff serving abroad.
	Head of the Greek delegation to the Second and to the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1980 and 1985).
	Member of the working groups on disarmament and on non-proliferation, European Political Cooperation (President of the groups from July 1983 to December 1983).

October 1982	Chairman of the Examination Board of the Diplomatic Service entrance examination.
	Chairman of the Committee administering a special voluntary fund subscribed to by the Staff of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (August 1980-December 1982).
1983-1985	On special mission for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
	Greek representative to the third meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (February-March 1983).
	Greek representative to the 1983 and 1984 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, New York; Vice-President of the Commission for the 1984 session, re-elected for the 1985 session.
December 1984	Promoted to the rank of career Ambassador.
February 1985	Retired from the Service in accordance with the law for mandatory retirement at the age of 58 years for Foreign Service Officers who have completed 35 years of civil service or more.
1979-2000	On special missions for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
	Member of the delegation of Greece to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth to fifty-third sessions and fifty-fifth session (representative of Greece to the Special Political Committee (1979, 1980 and 1981) and to the First Committee (1982-1998 and 2000).
	Greek representative to the substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission, New York (1986-1989 and 1992).
	Alternative member of the High Board for Transfers, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
	President of the working groups on Disarmament and on non-proliferation, European Political Cooperation (July-December 1988 and January-June 1994).
1986-present	Member of the International Civil Service Commission.

Other activities and assignments

1979-1982	Member of the Executive Committee, Hellenic National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
	Member of the Administrative Board of the European Cultural Centre, Delphi, Greece.
	Member of the Executive Committee, Hellenic National Committee for the United Nations Children's Fund.
1983-1984	Member of the Board of Directors, Institute for East-West Security Studies, New York.
1983-1992	Lecturer at the National Defence College, Athens.

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Reformulated narrative of section 27C, Office of Human Resources Management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 326 of its report on its forty-first session,[1] the Committee for Programme and Coordination recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to reformulate the programme narrative of section 27C, Office of Human Resources Management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[2] in accordance with Assembly resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, and that the revised narrative be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its fifty-sixth session.

2. Accordingly, the Secretariat has reviewed the programme narrative of section 27C in the light of the provisions of resolution 55/258. In order to reflect the overall objectives of the resolution more clearly, it is proposed that should the General Assembly decide to accept the recommendation of the Committee for Programme Coordination, it may wish to consider amending the proposed narrative of that section as follows:

(a) *Paragraph 27C.1*

At the end of the last sentence of the paragraph add the following text:

", as well as meet the expectations of Member States as set forth in General Assembly resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001."

(b) *Paragraph 27C.4*

At the end of the paragraph add the following text:

"With its resolution 55/258, the Assembly largely endorsed the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report on human resources management reform (A/55/253 and Corr.1), including new approaches to recruitment, placement and promotion and mobility. It also emphasized the necessity for the United Nations to develop a culture of continuous learning and endorsed proposals concerning performance management and career development."

(c) *Paragraph 27C.5*

(i) In the first line, for "resolution 53/221" read "resolution 55/258"

(ii) In the fourth line, insert the word "robust" before the word "monitoring"

(d) *Paragraph 27C.6 (a)*

For "monitoring" read "robust monitoring mechanisms"

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(e) *Paragraph 27C.12*

Replace the second sentence with the following text:

"In accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly contained in its resolution 55/258, the Division will concentrate on the implementation of human resources management reform in the areas of its expertise and will work on improving and enhancing its control and monitoring mechanisms and procedures."

(f) *Paragraph 27C.16*

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the human resources management reform goals approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/258 and"

(g) *Paragraph 27C.20*

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the human resources management reform goals approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/258,"

(h) *Paragraph 27C.21*

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly, including resolution 55/258,"

(i) *Paragraph 27C.26*

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the human resources management reform goals approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/258,"

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/56/16).

[2] A/56/6 (Sect. 27C).

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Reformulated narrative of section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 120 of the report on its forty-first session,[1] the Committee for Programme and Coordination requested the Secretary-General to realign the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[2] in conformity with the medium-term plan and to submit the revised section to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. Furthermore, in paragraph 114 of that report, it was indicated that particular reference had been made in the Committee in that regard to subprogrammes 1 and 2 of the section in question.

2. Accordingly, the Secretariat has reviewed the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of section 8. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, it may wish to consider revising the proposed narrative of that section as follows:

(a) In table 8.8, *replace* the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" *with*:

"Provision of quality legal advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, leading to an increased understanding of international law, including the United Nations legal regime."

(b) In table 8.8, *replace* the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" *with*:

"(a) Quantity, timeliness and accuracy of advice;

"(b) Number of instruments finalized;

"(c) Number and impact of opinions rendered on violations of international legal instruments for the conduct of United Nations operations."

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(c) In table 8.10 *replace* the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" *with*:

"(a) Greater protection of the Organization's legal rights and minimization of its legal liabilities, through the provision of quality legal advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, leading to an increased understanding of the Organization's legal rights and obligations;

"(b) Provision of legal advice and support aimed at enabling offices, departments and subsidiary organs to maximize their compliance with regulations, rules and administrative issuances consistent with the Organization's policies and purposes."

(d) In table 8.10, *replace* the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" *with*:

"(a) Quality, accuracy and timeliness of legal advice and support;

"(b) Number and impact of legal opinions and other legal advice such that the United Nations offices are in a better position to interpret and apply provisions of the United Nations legal regime to specific cases and to comply with such provisions."

(e) In table 8.12, in the second column, under the heading, "Indicators of achievement", *replace* paragraph (a) *with*:

"(a) Increase in the number of new legal instruments emanating from the process of codification and satisfaction expressed by Member States with the quality, volume and timeliness of the documentation prepared by the Codification Division."

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/56/16).

[2] A/56/6 (Sect. 8).